

# Cube400V

## Installation Guide

### Revision 4



## 1 Safety

This instruction sheet gives details of safe installation and operation of the **Cube400V** electricity meter. Labels on each meter give details of equipment ratings for safe operation. Take time to examine all labels before commencing installation. Safety symbols on the meter have specific meanings as:



Safety may be impaired if the instructions are not followed or the meter is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer.



Contains no user serviceable parts. Field wiring and commissioning should only be carried out by qualified personnel, in compliance with applicable national regulations.  
e.g. National Electrical Code (NEC) for US; Canadian Electrical Code for Canada

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## 2 Maintenance

The equipment should be maintained in good working order. Damaged equipment must be sent to the manufacturer (or his authorised agent) for repair. The meter may be cleaned by wiping lightly with a soft cloth. No solvents or cleaning agents should be used. All inputs and supplies must be isolated before cleaning any part of the equipment.

## 3 Intended Use

The **Cube400V** is a precision multi function electricity monitor which measures system power parameters, including kW, Volts and Amps and displays them on an LCD. Measured parameters may be sent to remote systems for storage or display using an optional communications interface (e.g. Modbus<sup>®</sup> RTU RS485 or Ethernet).

The **Cube400V** is intended for mounting in the faceplate (panel) of an electrical enclosure with only the front keypad/display panel remaining accessible to an operator after installation. Panels should be 1mm to 4mm (0.04" to 0.16") thick with a square cut-out of 92mm, +0.8/-0.0mm (3.62" +0.03" -0"). Insert the meter from the front of the panel, slide the panel clips from the rear of the case and push firmly against the panel ensuring even pressure on each clip.



*The safety of any system containing the meter as a component remains the responsibility of the system manufacturer. After installation in a system, the ratings of the overall system, which reflect the ratings of the meter, must be visible to the user.*



*A suitably located and easily reached switch or circuit breaker must be included as part of the installation. This could, for example, be a safety-interlocking device on the door/front panel of the electrical enclosure. This switch/circuit breaker must be marked as the disconnecting device for the equipment and must comply with the relevant requirements of IEC 60947-1 and IEC 60947-3.*



*Disconnect / Isolate all supplies before commencing installation.*

## 4 Standard Connections

### 4.1 Current Transducers



Only current transducers which meet the manufacturer's specifications should be used.



*Current Transducer (CT) connections are not galvanically isolated from the voltage inputs and must therefore not be accessible to the operator after installation. Installed CT cables and any extensions to these, must not be accessible to the operator.*

#### Minimum Current Transducer Specification:

Input Current Range:	0 to 1.2 In (In = nominal rated current in amps)
Output Voltage:	0.33Vac at In
Insulation:	600Vac (Core to secondary conductors)
Cable:	Operating Temperature, 105°C (221°F) Insulated 600Vac

The following list of UL & CE recognised current transducers has been approved for use with the Cube/Rail series of meters:

Part Number	Primary Current (XXX)	Secondary	Window Size
XFR/S0142/XXX	5, 10, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200Amps	0.333Vac	19.1 x 19.1mm(0.75" x 0.75")
XFR/S0152/XXX	75, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 600Amps	0.333Vac	31.8 x 31.8mm (1.25" x 1.25")
XFR/S0162/XXX	100, 200, 300, 600, 800, 1000, 1500Amps	0.333Vac	50.8 x 50.8mm (2.0" x 2.0")
XFR/S1142/XXX	5, 10, 30, 50, 70, 100, 150, 200Amps	0.333Vac	19.1 x 19.1mm(0.75" x 0.75")
XFR/S1152/XXX	50, 70, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400, 600Amps	0.333Vac	31.8 x 31.8mm (1.25" x 1.25")
XFR/S1162/XXX	100, 200, 300, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1500Amps	0.333Vac	50.8 x 50.8mm (2.0" x 2.0")
XFR/S1172/XXX <sup>1</sup>	400, 600, 800, 1000, 2000, 3000Amps	0.333Vac	127.0 x 76.2mm (5.0" x 3.0")

**NOTE 1:** Model XFR/S1172/XXX is only approved for use up to an ambient temperature of 30°C (86°F). All other models are approved for use up to 55°C (131°F).

If the current transducer secondary cables require extending, care must be taken to avoid pickup of electrical interference. With suitable low capacitance screened cables, the cable can be extended to 100m (328ft) or more.



*Extensions to the supplied current transducer cables must ensure all connections remain inaccessible to the operator after installation.  
All cables and connections must meet the minimum specifications provided.*

### 4.2 Voltage Connections



To maintain proper insulation from the mains supply, the neutral wire should only be used in power networks where the system neutral is protectively earthed

#### 4.2.1 Voltage Cables



Voltage cables must be rated for safe use in the electrical enclosure which houses the meter (e.g. UL1015) and must meet the following minimum specification: Temperature: 105°C (221°F); Insulation 600Vac.

#### 4.2.2 Auxiliary Mains Supply

The meter is powered from an auxiliary mains supply which is required to energise the metering circuit and display. This can be connected in parallel with one of the measurement phase voltages if it is rated correctly.



Ensure the auxiliary mains supply L-N is powered from a correctly rated and fused AC source as specified on the meter label.

#### 4.2.3 Voltage Terminals

Voltage:	277Vac (3-4) 480Vac (4-5, 5-6)
Cable:	30-14 AWG, Stripped 5.5 to 6.5mm (0.2" to 0.25")
Torque:	0.5Nm (4.4in lb)

#### 4.2.4 Voltage Fuses

Fuses (US/Canada)

Rated Voltage	Type	Rupture In (A)	Standards
≥ 500Vac	Fast	1.0A	UL248 (US) C22.2 No. 248 (CAN)

Fuses (Other Countries)

Rated Voltage	Type	Rupture In (A)	Standards
≥ 500Vac	Fast	1.0A	IEC 60269 - 2

#### 4.2.5 Auxiliary Mains Fuses

Fuses (US/Canada)

Rated Voltage	Type	Rupture In (A)	Standards
≥ 250Vac	Fast	0.1A	UL248 (US) C22.2 No. 248 (CAN)

Fuses (Other Countries)

Rated Voltage	Type	Rupture In (A)	Standards
≥ 250Vac	Fast	0.1A	IEC 60269 - 2

### 4.3 Communications Options

Communications outputs are safety isolated from the measurement voltages at a minimum of 3.5kV.



Communications cables running within an electrical enclosure may come close to high voltages and therefore must be insulated to the following minimum specification:  
Safety Compliant: e.g UL1015; Operating Temperature: 105°C (221°F); Insulation 600Vac

#### 4.3.1 RS485 Output Terminals (Optional)

Voltage: 30Vdc  
Cable: 30-14 AWG, Stripped 5.5 to 6.5mm (0.2" to 0.25")  
Torque: 0.5Nm (4.4in lb)

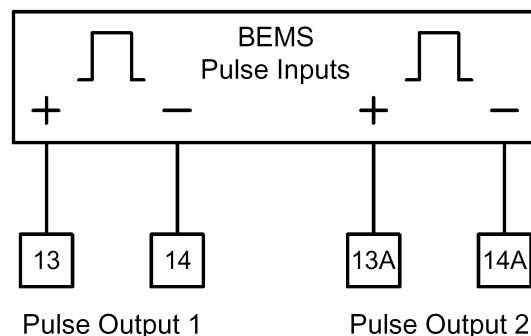
#### 4.3.2 Ethernet Output (Optional)

Connection: RJ45  
Cable: Cat5e FTP (Foil screened)

### 4.4 Pulse Output Connections

The pulse outputs take the form of isolated volt free normally open contact pairs. Pulse 1 is associated with active energy (kWh) and Pulse 2 with reactive energy (kvarh). The contacts are isolated from all other circuits (3.5kV). Pulses can be used as input to remote counters, pulse loggers, building energy management system etc.

Light emitting diodes **Л1** and **Л2** remain **ON** during each associated output pulse.

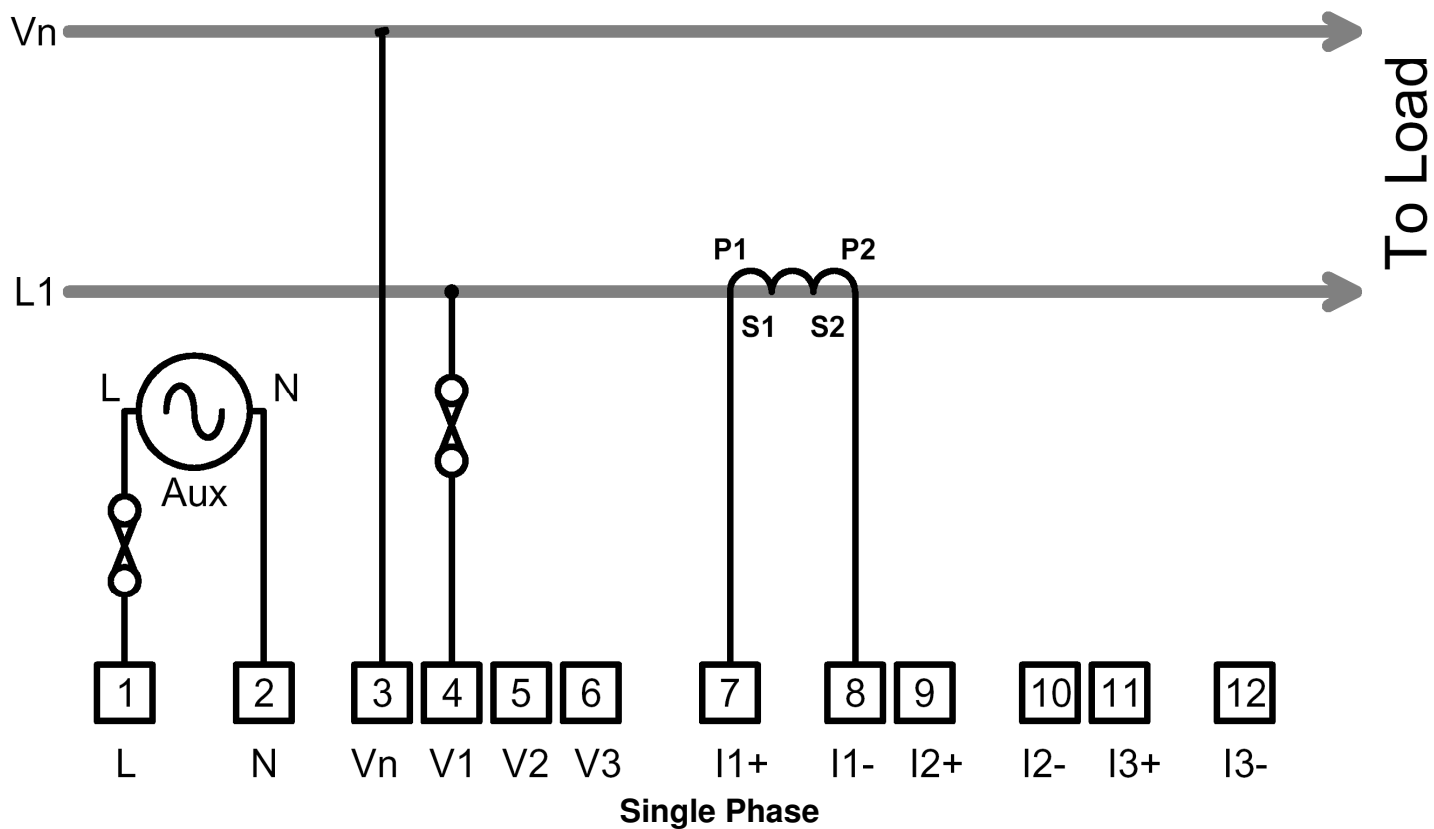
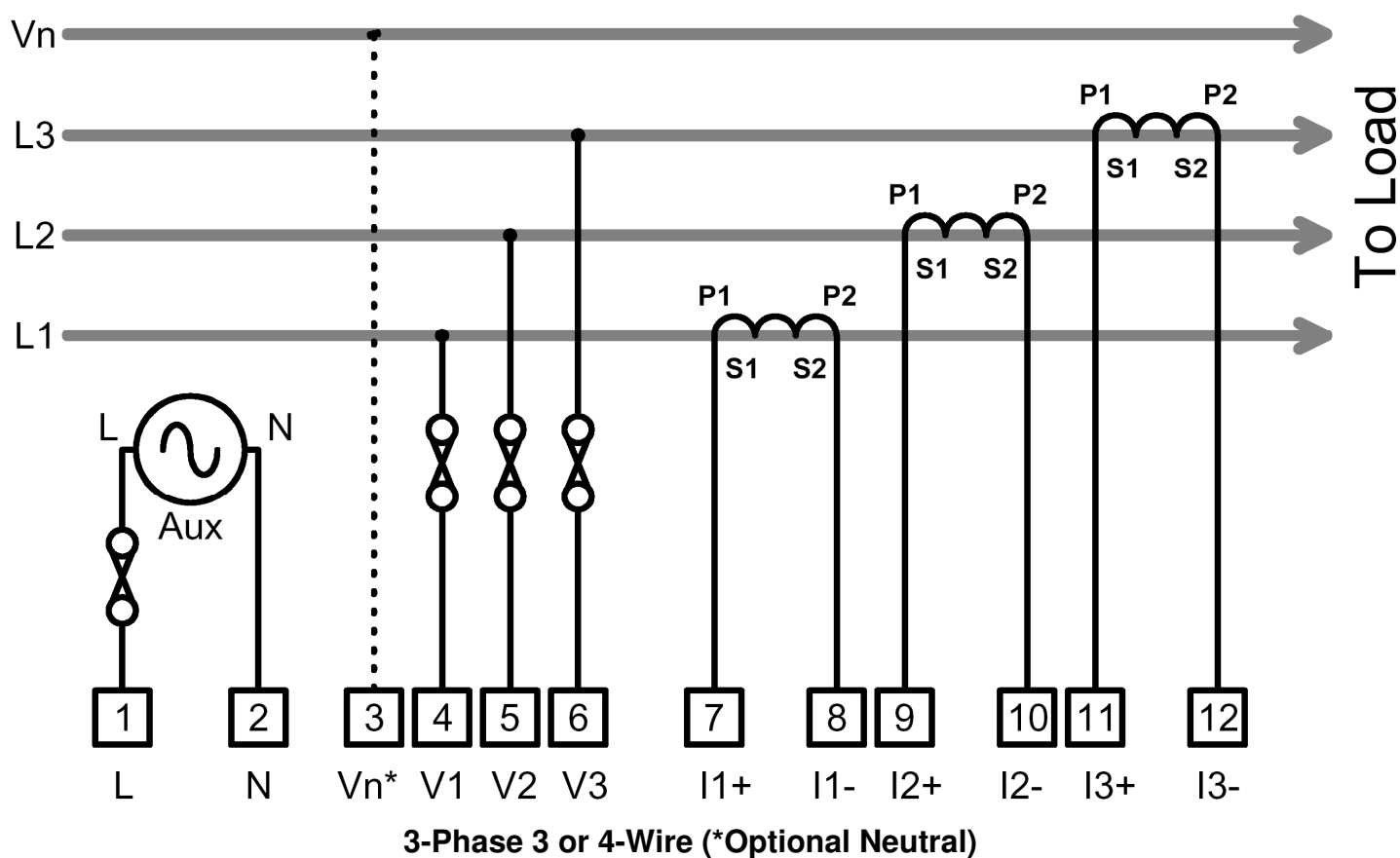


Pulse output cables running within an electrical enclosure may come close to high voltages and therefore must be insulated to the following minimum specification:  
Safety Compliant: e.g UL1015; Operating Temperature: 105°C (221°F); Insulation 600Vac

#### 4.4.1 Pulse Output Terminals





Voltage: 70Vdc/33Vac (13-14, 13a-14a)  
Cable: 30-14 AWG, Stripped 6.0 to 7.0mm (0.24" to 0.28")  
Torque: 0.5Nm (4.4in lb)



## 4.5 Typical Connections



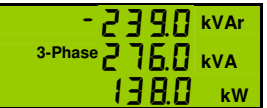




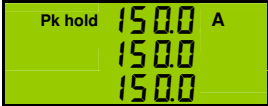









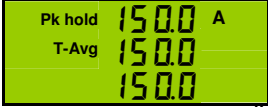













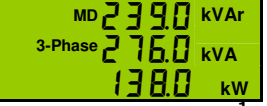




NOTE: For single phase systems it is advisable to link out unused current inputs (9-10 and 11-12) with a short insulated wire link. This prevents unwanted noise affecting meter readings.

## 5 Display Menus



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**Enter/Exit Quality Menu <sup>5</sup>**

 <b>RMS Phase Amps</b>	 <b>RMS Phase Volts</b>	 <b>System Power <sup>1</sup></b>	 <b>Real Energy (kWh) <sup>3 4</sup></b>	<div style="text-align: center;">   <b>Amps Quality Menu</b>   /  <b>Next/Prev</b> </div>	
 <b>Peak Hold Amps <sup>3</sup></b>	 <b>RMS Line-Line Volts</b>	 <b>Per-Phase Real Power</b>	 <b>Reactive Energy (kvarh) <sup>3 4</sup></b>		 <b>Total Amps % Distortion</b>
 <b>Time-Averaged Amps</b>	 <b>Peak Hold Volts <sup>3</sup></b>	 <b>System Page 2 <sup>1</sup></b>	 <b>Apparent Energy (kVAh) <sup>3 4</sup></b>		 <b>Amps Harmonics 2-15</b>
 <b>Peak Time-Averaged Amps <sup>3</sup></b>	 <b>Time-Averaged Volts</b>	 <b>Per-Phase Apparent Power</b>	 <b>Hours Run <sup>2</sup></b>		<div style="text-align: center;">   <b>Volts Quality Menu</b>   /  <b>Next/Prev</b> </div>
 <b>Peak Time-Averaged Volts <sup>3</sup></b>	 <b>Per-Phase Reactivet Power <sup>1</sup></b>	 <b>Export Real Energy <sup>3 4</sup></b>	 <b>Total Volts % Distortion</b>		
	 <b>Per-Phase Power Factor <sup>1</sup></b>	 <b>Export Reactive Energy <sup>3 4</sup></b>	 <b>Volts Harmonics 2-15</b>		
	 <b>Power Maximum-Demand <sup>1</sup></b>				
	 <b>Peak-Hold Mean-Demand <sup>1</sup></b>				

**Note 1:** A display of  after a value indicates a capacitive load.

**Note 2:** The Hours Run register accumulates the total time during which the real power (kW) exceeds a preset level. This is always displayed with a resolution of 0.1 hour.



The percentage level of kW at which the Hours Run register accumulates is user programmable from 1% to 100% of full scale current. Hours run reset cannot be disabled.



**Note 3:** Press  and  together and hold for 2 seconds to reset the displayed value. This feature may be disabled before mounting in a panel. Refer to Cube400 option links guide to disable



**Note 4:** Scaling of the energy registers is set by the nominal input currents and voltages and remains constant during operation of the meter. Energy registers will each accumulate from zero to 99,999,999 then restart from zero.

**Note 5:** Power quality menus are optional on some meters.

## 6 Programming

 and  to enter programming.

 or  selects from the standard list of settings while **L** is displayed. (List Mode)




 or  increases or decreases the value while **F** is displayed. (Fine adjust)

 and  together to toggle between **L** and **F**.  Accepts the set value.

Current Transformer Primary




Voltage Transformer Primary <sup>6</sup>

Set the integration period in minutes used for the sliding time window MD calculation for kW and kvar.

 or  increments or decrements the value.  Accepts the set value.




Power MD Integration Time

Set the integration period in seconds used for the sliding time window calculation for voltage and current.

 or  increments or decrements the value.  Accepts the set value.



Current/Voltage Average Time

Set the instantaneous system kW level above which the Hours Run timer will accumulate. Below this level Hours Run will remain unchanged.

 or  increments or decrements the value.  Accepts the value.

Hours Run Trigger Point

Set the amount of energy (kWh Pls1 kvarh pls2) required to trigger each Pulse Output.

 or  selects the next/previous Pulse Rate.  Accepts the value.



Pulse Rate (kWh per Pulse)




Set the contact closure time for both pulse outputs.

 or  selects the next/previous Pulse Length from a standard list.  Accepts the value.

Pulse On Period (Seconds)

Tests both pulse outputs and associated circuits without the need of a test load.

 or  starts/stops a test pulse stream. The display shows **HLd** (Hold) or **Run**. The counter shows the total number of pulses during the test.

 and  reset the test counter to zero.  exits pulse test mode.

Pulse Test Mode

**Note 6:** If external VT is not used, **DO NOT ALTER** the voltage transformer primary setting for any other system voltage i.e. for 110V, 208V, 230V system. **LEAVE Un (Voltage Transformer Primary Setting) TO 480V ONLY.**

If external VT is used, alter the voltage transformer primary setting as stated in the following examples.

For 11000/110V VT, alter the setting to 48000 (multiplying factor:  $11000 / 110 = 100$  i.e.  $480 \times 100$ )

For 6600/110V VT, alter the setting to 28800 (multiplying factor:  $6600 / 110 = 60$  i.e.  $480 \times 60$ )

## 7 Specification

<b>INPUTS</b>	
System	3 Phase 3 or 4 Wire Unbalanced Load or Single Phase
Voltage Un	480/277V. 3 Phase 3 or 4 Wire
Current Sensors	
Output @ Nominal In	0.333Vac
Accuracy	±1% (0.1In – 1.2In)
Phase Error	5A-50A Models <2.5° at 0.5In. Other models <2.0° at 0.5In
Measurement Range	Voltage 20% to 120% Un Current 0.2% to 120%
Frequency Range	Fundamental 45 to 65Hz Harmonics Up to 30th harmonic at 50Hz Individual to the 15th
Voltage Burden	<0.1VA per phase
Overload	Voltage x4 for 1 hour Current x2 Continuous
<b>DISPLAY</b>	
Type	Custom, Supertwist, LCD
Data Retention	10 years min. Stores kWh & Meter set-up
Format	2 Rows x 4 Digits, 1 Row x 8 Digits + Legends
Scaling	Direct reading. User programmable CT & PT CT Primary programmable from 5A to 25kA VT primary programmable from 10V to 440kV
Legends	Wh, kWh, MWh etc. depending on user settings
<b>AUXILIARY SUPPLY</b>	
Standard	230V 50/60 Hz ±15%
Options	110V 50/60 Hz ±15%
Load	5 Watt Max.
Overload	x1.2 continuous
<b>METER ACCURACY      All errors ± 1 digit</b>	
kWh	Better than Class 1 per EN 62053-21 & BS 8431
Kvarh	Better than Class 2 per EN 62053-23 & BS 8431
kW & kVA	Better than Class 0.25 IEC 60688
kvar	Better than Class 0.5 IEC 60688
Amps & Volts	Class 0.1 IEC 60688 (0.01In – 1.2In or 0.1Un – 1.2Un)
PF	±0.2° (0.05In – 1.2In and 0.2Un – 1.2Un)
Neutral Current	Class 0.5 IEC 60688 (0.05In – 1.2In)
<b>OVERALL METERING ACCURACY</b>	
5A-50A Models	Better than Class 2 Meter with Class 1 CTs
Other Models	Better than Class 1 Meter with Class 1 CTs

<b>PULSE OUTPUTS</b>	
Function	1 Pulse per unit of energy
Scaling	Settable between 1 & 1000 counts of energy register
Pulse Period	0.1 sec. default; Settable between 0.1 and 20 sec
Rise & Fall Time	< 2.0ms
Type	N/O Volt free contact. Optically isolated BiFET
Contacts	100mA ac/dc max ; 70Vdc/33Vac max ; 5W maximum load
Isolation	3.5kV 50Hz 1 minute
<b>MODBUS® Serial Comms (Option)</b>	
Bus Type	RS485 2 wire + 0v. ½ Duplex, ¼ unit load
Protocol	MODBUS® RTU with 16 bit CRC
Baud Rate	4800, 9600 or 19,200 User settable
Address	1 – 247 User settable
Latency	Reply within 250ms max.
Command Rate	New command within 5ms of previous one
Isolation	3.5kV
<b>ETHERNET (Option)</b>	
Electrical	IEEE std 802.3. 2000 Edition
Data Rate	10 Mbits/s
Protocol	TCP, UDP, DHCP, FTP, TFTP, HTTP, SNTP, SNMP
Connection	10/100 Base T - RJ45
Isolation	3.5kV
<b>GENERAL</b>	
Temperature	Operating -10 °C to +55 °C (14 °F to 131 °F) Storage -25 °C to +70 °C (-13 °F to 158 °F)
Humidity	< 75% non-condensing
Environment	IP54 (when correctly mounted, as described, in a panel) Altitude <2000m (6561ft)
<b>MECHANICAL</b>	
Terminals	Rising Cage. 4mm <sup>2</sup> (12 AWG) cable max.
Enclosure	DIN 43700 96 x 96
Material	Mablex® with fire protection to UL94-V-O. Self extinguishing
Dimensions	96 x 96 mm x 83.5 mm (72 mm behind panel) 3.78" x 3.78" x 3.29" (2.83" behind the panel)
Weight	~ 250 gms
<b>SAFETY</b>	
Conforms to	EN 61010-1 Overvoltage Category III & BS 8431

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